

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**LISTING OF CLAIMS:**

Claim 1 (currently amended): A dielectric filter comprising:

a dielectric block in the form of a rectangular parallelepiped and having a plurality of through bores extending therethrough in parallel to each other[[],];

an outer conductor in the form of a conductor layer and covering an outer peripheral surface of the block in parallel [[to]] with the extending direction of the through bores and one end face of the block wherein one end of each of the through bores has an opening[[],];

an inner conductor in the form of a conductor layer and covering an inner periphery of the block defining each of the through bores[[],]; and

a pair of input and output electrodes formed on [[the]] a surface of the block and separated from the outer conductor,

wherein the other end face of the block ~~wherein~~ in which the other ends of the through bores have openings ~~being~~ is in the form of an open end face having no conductor layer,

wherein the pair of input and output electrodes ~~being~~ are opposed to each other on one plane providing the outer peripheral surface of the block,

wherein a dielectric block exposing portion ~~being~~ is formed all over the region of said one plane between the input and output electrodes and having no conductor layer thereon,

wherein the block ~~being~~ is provided in said other end face thereof with at least one groove dividing the open end face, and

wherein the groove ~~being~~ is provided with a conductor in conduction with the outer conductor.

Claim 2 (currently amended): A dielectric filter according to claim 1, wherein the conductor provided in the groove comprises a conductor layer formed on an inner surface defining the groove and joined to the outer conductor.

Claim 3 (currently amended): A dielectric filter according to claim 1, wherein the groove extends between the through bores having the openings in the open end face.

Claim 4 (currently amended): A dielectric filter according to claim 1, wherein each of the through bores comprises a large-diameter bore portion and a small-diameter bore portion joined thereto in the extending direction of the bore.